

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Published under the auspices of the : World Council of Churches · International Missionary Council
World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations · World Young Women's Christian Association
World's Student Christian Federation · World Council of Christian Education · United Bible Societies

EDITOR : JOHN GARRETT · 17 ROUTE DE MALAGNOU · GENEVA · SWITZERLAND
TEL. 36 71 30 · CABLES OIKOUMENE
U.S. ENQUIRIES: WCC, 156 FIFTH AVE. NEW YORK 10 : TEL. WATKINS 4-8551

No. 25/26th Year



June 26th, 1959

On Other Pages

Ecumenical Work Camps Scheduled	page 2
Constitution Set for New Church	page 3
Conference Urges Continuous Refugee Aid	page 4
Billy Graham Visits Moscow	page 5
New Report on Spanish Conference Cancellation	page 6
Persecution of Spanish Protestants is Reported Eased	page 6
Moves Towards US Church Unity Are Hailed	page 7
Bishop Vetö Chides Western Press for "Misinterpretation".	page 7

British Churches Express Concern for Central African Federation

(London) - A representative deputation has presented the concern of the British Council of Churches for the problems involved in the inclusion of Nyasaland with the Rhodesias in the Central African Federation to the Secretaries of State for the Colonies and for Commonwealth Relations.

A statement issued by the council afterwards said that the deputation had expressed concern with issues to come up at the constitutional review in 1960 and their "anxiety that partnership should be implemented to the fullest extent".

Further, the statement said, the deputation told the Secretaries of State that while the council appreciates the progress that has been made thus far in inter-racial relations, it believes that "the reasons for African distrust and anxiety still outweigh the reasons for African confidence".

The council urged the government to take a "positive lead" at the conference and stressed the importance of ensuring "adequate expression" to the views of Africans at the conference.

The issues in question stem from African opposition to a decision to include Nyasaland in the Central African Federation. Proponents of the measure have argued that integration is required to ensure economic advancement and the

The aim of the Ecumenical Press Service is to keep its readers informed of trends of thought and opinion in and about the Churches and Christian Movements. It is therefore not to be held responsible for opinions expressed in its news items. EPS may be freely reproduced in any form with acknowledgment.

maximum welfare of all sections of the people in the area. However, it has generally been viewed by Africans as a step towards consolidation of power by the white minority. Opposition came to a head on March 1 of this year when rioting broke out in many areas.

Numerous church groups abroad have spoken out against the Federation unless the move is supported by a substantial majority of the population, including Africans. EPS, Geneva

Ecumenical Work Camps Scheduled

(Geneva) - More than 1,000 hardy young men and women from some fifty countries will forego the usual summer vacation this year to take part in ecumenical work camps sponsored by the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches.

In camps from Taiwan to Texas and from Austria to Madagascar they will swing pick axes, lay bricks, level roads, care for refugee children and do a variety of other jobs as a means of "expressing their sense of responsibility by working with their hands to meet human needs".

Forty-five ecumenical work camps are scheduled during July, August and September under WCC auspices in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, South America and the United States. Participating in each camp will be an inter-racial, inter-confessional group of from fifteen to twenty-five youth between the ages of 19 and 30.

The campers will spend from two to four weeks working on projects which range from erecting a vocational school at a refugee camp in Korea, to building a neighbourhood playground in Wales - to construction of a chapel in Finland, to conducting an education and recreation programme for farm labour migrants in New York State, USA.

They will work without pay and will contribute to their living expenses and provide the cost of transportation to and from their homes and the camps.

Camps will be held this year for the first time in the 12-year history of the programme in Taiwan, Paraguay, Ethiopia and Northern Rhodesia.

In Taiwan the campers will help the Christian Youth Fellowship at Hualien build an educational institute and centre for mountain tribal youth. In Paraguay they will build hospital rooms for use by the Society of Christian Brothers, a Christian community which provides the only hospital facilities in the rural area of Primavera.

The camps on the continent of Africa will be held at Hara, Ethiopia, where campers will start work on a conference hall for the schools and colleges in the area and in Mindolo in Northern Rhodesia where they will renovate a house for use as YMCA headquarters.

Other camps are scheduled in Europe, in Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden and England; in the Middle East, in Jordan and Lebanon; in Africa, in Madagascar and the Union of South Africa; and in Asia, in Japan, Hong Kong, Korea and Okinawa. Camps will also be held in seven states in the United States.

Three camps have already been held this year because of the difference in

seasons - one each in Bolivia and Brazil in South America and in the Philippines.

The work camp programme includes six hours a day labour and a service of worship, Bible study, discussions and recreation periods. The camps projects were begun twelve years ago on the initiative of the Congregational Christian Service Committee (USA) and undertaken as a World Council programme in 1950.

EPS, Geneva

Constitution Set for New Church

(New York) - A constitution for a new church which would unite two Protestant denominations with different forms of governments without sacrificing the particular emphasis of either one has been proposed here.

The constitution, if adopted, would complete the merger of the 1,401,565 member Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church which has 807,280 members, into a new United Church of Christ.

Dr. James E. Wagner, head of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and co-president of the new church, said the document is intended to "reflect Congregational Christian emphasis on the rights and autonomy of the local church, and Evangelical and Reformed emphasis on the responsibilities of the local church to other churches in the larger fellowship of the denomination".

He explained that the way this was done was by keeping the pyramidal synod structure of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at the national level while continuing the Congregational requirement that each local church be free to act for itself on all matters of policy and property.

Thus, a general synod would be integrated with church-wide boards and agencies and with regional synods, but decisions of these bodies would be advisory only.

In a news conference Dr. Wagner and the Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, the other co-president of the United Church and head of the Congregational Christian group, described the proposed constitution as a compromise in organizational structure. They said the two churches have never been far apart in theological interpretation, only in the structure of their governments.

Dr. Hoskins said it is hoped the document will be useful as a guide for mergers by other churches. He noted that "Presbyterian sources" have been interested in it as "a hopeful sign for further union" and that the Disciples of Christ and the Council of Community Churches had sent "fraternal observers" to meetings of the constitutional commission.


The constitution will be presented for approval at the Second General Synod of the United Church of Christ at Oberlin, Ohio, on July 5. From there it must go to the Congregational churches and the Evangelical and Reformed synods for ratification.

EPS, Geneva

Cuba Ready for Religious Resurgence, Army Chaplain Says

(New York) - The "climate" for religious resurgence has never been better in Cuba, according to the chaplain to Protestant troops serving under Fidel Castro's revolutionary army.

The Rev. Carlos Herrera, 27, said in an interview at American Baptist



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2024

Convention headquarters in New York, that Communism in Cuba could be destroyed by providing "bread and democracy" for the people.

The "immense" majority of church members in Cuba, he stated, back the Castro government in its pledge to keep the separation of Church and state inviolate. He estimated that approximately eight per cent of the Cuban population is Protestant.

EPS, Geneva

Conference Urges Continuous Refugee Aid

(New York) - The United Nations has been called upon to convene a special meeting as a means of reaching international accord on measures to aid refugees.

The session was urged as a step towards provision of continuous, rather than temporary aid, to refugees by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations Interested in Migration and Refugee Problems meeting at the United Nations in a week-long session.

It asked that all nations participating in World Refugee Year provide assistance "with a view to the achievement of permanent solutions to the refugee problem".

In other resolutions the delegates deplored discriminatory laws which bar the immigration of some non-European groups, particularly Asians, and called for improvement in the processing, placement and integration of immigrants who are professionals, such as teachers, physicians and lawyers.

They also asked special aid to physically handicapped migrants, greater attention to the needs of young migrants and more flexibility in family welfare legislation to allow migrants to share in social security, adequate housing, social security, child aid grants and other benefits.

Dr. Stewart Herman, director of the Lutheran World Federation's Latin American Committee and conference president, stressed the concept of migration as an essential ingredient of human dignity and freedom. "Ultimately", he declared, "we should make of migration not a grudging act of charity, but a basic right of man".

Other church leaders who participated in the programme were Dr. Karl L. Stumpf, senior representative in Hong Kong for the Lutheran World Federation and honorary advisor for refugee services of the World Council of Churches in Hong Kong; Dr. Elfan Rees, permanent representative in Europe of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs and chairman of the International Committee for World Refugee Year; and Dr. Edgar H.S. Chandler, associate director of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees of the World Council of Churches.

The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations was inaugurated at Geneva in 1950 under the joint sponsorship of the United Nations and the International Labour Office.

EPS, Geneva

Billy Graham Visits Moscow

(Moscow) -- The Rev. Dr. Billy Graham joined in a two and a half hour evening service at the Moscow Baptist Church attended by an overflow crowd of 2,500 persons and afterwards praised their faith as "a light burning for which we should all be thankful".

The American evangelist, who is visiting Moscow as a "tourist" for five days, did not speak at the service, Russian Baptist leaders explained, because "it is not the custom here for tourists to preach".

He followed a sentence-by-sentence translation of the sermon delivered by Pastor Aleksandr V. Karev, general secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptists).

"Today I heard the Bible preached", Dr. Graham said following the service. "This is what we need everywhere. I try to preach the Bible. It has its own power."

"Glory be to God", responded the Rev. Jakov I. Zhidkov, president of the Council. "We have not been tainted with modernism in Russia - but we cannot say for the future. We are like Martin Luther. We say here we stand on the Bible and we cannot go to the right nor to the left."

Earlier on a tour of the city, Mr. Graham said he was greatly impressed by the large golden crosses surmounting the ancient churches in the Kremlin.

"Here I am standing right in the centre of the Kremlin and there against the sky are the golden crosses of Christ", he said. "Here is a symbol I never expected to see. I hope it has meaning for the future." EPS, Geneva

Methodist Groups Take Opposite Stands on Red China

(New York) - Two Methodist Conferences in the United States have taken directly opposite positions on the recognition of Red China, it has been reported here.

The Minnesota Methodist Conference has voted nearly two to one to delete this phrase from a report of the conference's Board on World Peace: "We request our government to extend recognition to Red China".

The New England Southern Methodist Conference has adopted a statement urging that "the United Nations, set up to be a world forum, should include in its membership the People's Republic of China".

The New England Conference stressed that "it is understood that such support and recognition is not tantamount to approval" of Communist China.

The vote by the Minnesota Conference rejecting recognition came after a spirited debate in which delegates heard Dr. Gerald McCulloh of Garret Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., report that on a recent trip to Hong Kong he had been urged by Chinese Christian refugees to oppose recognition.

Two spokesmen for recognition, the Rev. Warren Nyberg, of Red Wing, Minn., and the Rev. Wilbur Grose, Mankato, Minn., had argued that recognition does not imply approval, but would be a means of keeping communications with Christian Chinese open. EPS, Geneva

New Report on Spanish Conference Cancellation

(Geneva) - Initial reports that a scheduled three-day study conference of Roman Catholic and Protestant representatives in Spain had been banned by the Vatican stemmed from an erroneous news report by the Spanish State Radio, informed sources have reported here. (See EPS No. 22)

They said that the Vatican had not intervened in the matter and had informed Dom Aurelio Escarre, Abbot of the Monastery where the meeting was to have been held, that "there is no foundation whatsoever for the statement" made by the State Radio.

(It was reported later that a request for postponement of the conference had been received from the Archbishop of Barcelona who was described as acting "under pressure from certain governmental and church authorities".)

Following receipt of the Vatican communiqué Dom Escarre was said to have posted an announcement in which he protested against the State Radio broadcast and announced that he had written permission to hold the conference from the Papal Nuncio in Spain. He charged that the State Radio sought by its broadcast "to make a scandal by using the name and the authority of the Holy Office to give the impression that these Catholics were disobeying their church".

It was also learned here that the conference was not to have been an inter-confessional gathering limited to theologians as originally reported, but an "international meeting on the problems of peace and open to all Christians". According to the Institution of the Holy Office issued December 20, 1949, no special permission is required from Vatican authorities to hold a conference of this nature.

EPS, Geneva

Persecution of Spanish Protestants is Reported Eased

(Washington, D.C.) - Persecution of Spanish Protestants has been eased during the past few months, largely it is believed, as a result of the call for an Ecumenical Council by Pope John XXIII, according to a report issued by the Baptist World Alliance.

The report, which is based on first-hand observations sent from Madrid by Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, regional secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Missions Board said:

"There have been no new instances of outright persecution in recent months in Spain. And there has been an intangible, yet noticeable change of attitude on the part of many Catholics toward Evangelicals."

The report said that the change seemed to "coincide closely with Pope John's call for an Ecumenical Council", which according to Dr. Goerner "seems to have been interpreted by some Catholics in Spain as an indication on the part of the Pope that he desires more friendly relations between Catholics and Protestants".

Dr. Goerner added that "it remains to be seen now whether it will result in the opening of any closed church buildings".

EPS, Geneva

Moves Towards US Church Unity Are Hailed

(Hartford) - Strides being made towards American Christian unity have been hailed here as "the brightest sign of hope on the horizon of a broken and divided world".

The Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches, in an address to the 100th annual convention of the Augustana Lutheran Church, declared that, "the churches are coming together and they intend to stay together". However, he stressed, the churches have no intention of establishing "a kind of Protestant Vatican".

"We do not want a super church", he declared. "What we seek is an affectionate family of churches - a spirit of togetherness that will make it possible for us to do cooperatively what we cannot do separately".

"In that togetherness we aim for variety in unity, and unity in variety, with the one supreme hope of answering the prayer of Jesus that we might all be one, as he and the Father are one."

Dr. Dahlberg describes the new Inter-Church Centre, now under construction in New York, as "a dramatic symbol" of that unity. The \$20,000,000 centre will house the headquarters of the National Council as well as the main offices of many of the council's thirty-three Protestant and Eastern Orthodox member bodies.

The Augustana Lutheran Church is currently engaged in merger negotiations with three other Lutheran bodies. These are the United Lutheran Church in America, the American Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Suomi Synod (Finnish). It is expected that the constitution for the new body, which with more than three million members will be the largest Lutheran body in the United States, will be completed early next year and submitted to the conventions of the four churches for approval.

EPS, Geneva

Bishop Vetö Chides Western Press for "Misinterpretation"

(Budapest) - Bishop Lajos Vetö of Budapest, head of the Hungarian Lutheran Church, has declared that Western church news services have "misunderstood the matter" in interpreting a new Hungarian government decree as a tightening of state control over appointments to religious posts.

In a story in the official Hungarian Protestant press service published here, Bishop Vetö is quoted as saying that the decree is "a mere executive instruction" concerning an earlier decree and "contains nothing new and does by no means widen the circle of state intervention in the affairs of the Church".

(It had been reported that under the new decree the government can make appointments to church offices which have been left vacant for more than three months by church authorities. See EPS No. 16)

Bishop Vetö said that "the provisions of the decree have reference to the Roman Catholic Church, as it is this church that fills its offices by appointments which are within the jurisdiction of the Curia of Rome".

"However, the offices of the Protestant churches in Hungary", he states, "are filled by elections which need state approval only in the cases of offices of the bishops, professors of theology and supreme lay inspectors".

He said the decree is concerned only with those offices in the Roman Catholic Church "which the Vatican has left vacant for years". Appointments to other offices which are independent of the Papal See and of any other foreign church authorities, he added, "are taken care of in due course by the competent executives of our Hungarian churches". EPS, Geneva

In Brief

Guatemala has passed a law authorizing "ministers of cults" to perform civil as well as religious marriages as a means of reducing the number of illicit unions in the country. Up till now, only mayors of municipalities and notaries could perform civil weddings. However, there are only 323 municipalities and few notaries were able to reach isolated rural areas. As a result, according to supporters of the new law, a great percentage of Guatemalan children were born out of legal wedlock.

* *

A four-member delegation representing the Hungarian Protestant churches is making a six weeks' visit to China on the invitation of the Three-Self Movement of the Chinese Protestant Churches. The delegation consists of Bishop Tibor Bartha of the Reformed Church; Bishop Zoltan Kaldy, of the Lutheran Church; the Rev. Janos Dobos, director of the Budapest Scottish Mission and the Rev. Dr. Istvan Finta, editor of "Reformatusok Lapja", the reformed weekly newspaper. The delegation is expected to return to Budapest on July 10.

* *

Eighty per cent of all babies in Russia are being baptized in the Orthodox Church, the Rev. Dr. Oscar B. Rundblom, Dean of the Cathedral at Västerås, Sweden, reported recently on his return from a visit to Moscow. On the other hand, he said, the number of marriages celebrated in the Russian Orthodox Church "has fallen considerably". He added that there is "no difficulty" in obtaining candidates for the priesthood and that at present there are eight theological training-colleges with a combined total of 1,500 students. EPS, Geneva

I N D E X

OF NEWS ITEMS ISSUED IN ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE DURING THE FIRST SEMESTER 1959

<u>GENERAL:</u>	WSCF Begins World Study Drive in Asia	2
	Europe's Churches to Cooperate Regionally	2
	Cooperation Between the Churches in Europe	2
	Week of Prayer Movement Grows	3
	Christian Labour Unions Urged for Africa	3
	Visser 't Hooft Comments on Pope's Action	4
	WCC Helps Resettle 10,190 Refugees in 1958	4
	WCC Mission Leaves for Cyprus	4
	Two Ecumenical Publications	4
	WCC Executive Committee Meets in Geneva, February 9-13	5
	WCC Delegation Returns from Cyprus Visit	5
	World Refugee Year Hailed by Church Leaders	5
	Mixed Reactions to General Council	5
	WCC Executive Committee Asks End to Atomic Testing	6
	Ecumenical Calendar 1959	6
	WCC Executive Committee Concludes Five-Day Session	7
	Committee Withholds Comment on General Council	7
	LWF Leaders Confer with Hungarian Churchmen	7
	WCC-YMCA Leaders Hold Consultation	8
	Preparatory Commission for WCC Migration Conference Meets	8
	ECLOF Extends Work Outside Europe	8
	Voluntary Agencies Support Refugee Year	11
	Aid Received for Island of Niue	11
	'The Student World'	12/13
	Churches Help in Madagascar, Tibet Emergencies	14
	Periodicals: International Review of Missions, Ecumenical Review	14
	World Council Presidents Issue Pentecost Message	15
	Victor Hayward Appointed to IMC Post	15
	African Christian Students Hold Seminar in Geneva	15
	YMCA Holds Asian Leaders Conference	15
	Church Experts Study Parenthood and Population	16
	Aims of Roman Catholic Ecumenical Council Become Clearer	17
	Asian YMCA Leaders Hold Conference	19
	Architects Meet at Bossey, Issue Statement on Architecture and the Church	19
	CCIA Officers Present Letter on Arab Refugee Problem to Mr. Hammarskjöld	20
	CCIA Leaders in Geneva for Foreign Ministers' Meeting	20
	International Agencies Appeal for Refugee Year Support	23
	WCC Central Committee Will Meet August 19-27 in Greece	24
	World-Wide Prayer for World Refugee Year	24
	Statement by WCC Presidents for World Refugee Year	24
	Ecumenical Work Camps Scheduled	25
	Conference Urges Continuous Refugee Aid	25
<u>AFRICA:</u>	New Anglican Province Set Up in East Africa	5
	All-Africa Lutheran Seminary Opens at Marangu, Tanganyika	8
	Church Leaders Combat Proposed New Laws in Africa	12/13
	Mr. Guy Clutton-Brock Released	14
	Wave of Christian Protest over Nyasaland	14
	West African Christians Cooperate	16
	Church of Scotland Mission Closes Two Hospitals in Northern Rhodesia	18
	Ecumenical Service Project Inaugurated in Northern Rhodesia	21
<u>ANTILLES:</u>	Caribbean Conference Called to Prepare Curriculum	17
	Protestant Centre Proposed for Puerto Rico	20
	CWS Sends Relief Supplies to Cuba	23

<u>AUSTRALIA:</u>	Australian Youth Conference Held	4
	Australian Church Body Urges Trusteeship for New Guinea	8
	Home for Aged Russians Opens in Australia	11
	Australian Church Leaders Protest Against New Guinea Court Decision	23
<u>AUSTRIA:</u>	Council of Churches Set Up in Austria	1
	Austrian Churches Compensated	1
	Austria's Protestants Seek Increased State Subsidy	10
<u>CANADA:</u>	Federation of Churches Suggested for Canada	9
	United Church Board Urges Disarmament for Canada	10
<u>CEYLON:</u>	Christians in Ceylon Barred from Top Police Position	14
<u>CHINA:</u>	Church Crises Reported in China	11
<u>COLOMBIA:</u>	Protestant Minister Reported Killed in Colombia	8
	Protestant Reported Killed in Colombia	15
	Mob Wounds Lay Preacher in Colombia	16
<u>CUBA:</u>	Theological Teachers Defend Fidel Castro	7
	Cuba Ready for Religious Resurgence, Army Chaplain Says	25
<u>CZECHOSLOVAKIA:</u>	Czech Churches Step Up Anti-Nuclear Weapon Campaign	8
	Prague Peace Conference Selects Theme for April Meeting	8
	Atheist Propaganda Ineffective?	9
	Secular Ceremony Replaces Baptisms in Czechoslovakia	10
	Prague Conference Issues Call for Christian Peace Assembly	17
<u>ETHIOPIA:</u>	Christians Ask for New Approach to Moslems	17
<u>FINLAND:</u>	Lutheran-Orthodox Conferences to Be Held in May	6
	Cautious Reaction in Finland to Pope's Initiative	9
	Annual Lutheran-Orthodox Talks Held in Finland	22
<u>FRANCE:</u>	France, Italy, in "Twin Parish" Ecumenical Project	8
	French Protestants Urged to Act Responsibly	9
	Moves in France to Re-Open Worker-Priest Experiments	17
	International Workers in Paris Consider Common Problems	19
	British Anglicans to Make Pilgrimage to France to Pray for Unity	20
	General de Gaulle Receives Pastor Marc Boegner	21
	French Protestant Teachers Support Secular Schooling	21
	Celebrations Mark 400th Anniversary of Reformed Church	21
	Paris Celebrations Close with Synod Statements	22
	French Protestants and Roman Catholics Issue United Moslem Aid Appeal	22
	French Physicists Seek Church Help in Answering Questions	24
<u>GERMANY:</u>	Bishop Dibelius on Confirmation and 'Youth Dedication'	1
	German Army Chaplaincy Discussed	1
	Professor Schlink on Atomic Warfare	2
	East-West Conference Held in Frankfurt	3
	Strife over Atom Question Continues in Rhineland	4
	East Berlin Synod Backs Dibelius	5
	Defence Ministry Prosecutes Niemöller	5
	DDR's Catholic Bishops Call for No Compromise	7
	Communist Ceremonies to Supplant Church Rites	7
	Germany's Union Church Resists State Pressure	7
	Evangelical Pastors' Federation Makes Plans in East Germany	8
	DDR Pastors Urged to Stay at Posts	8
	Otto Bartning, German Architect, Dies	8
	Message of the Synod of the Evangelical Union Church in Germany	8
	Understanding Sought for East Europe's Churches	11

<u>GERMANY:</u>	Churches Have Special Events at Leipzig Fair	11
	East Germany Gives Permission for Pastors' Journal	11
	German Missions Expert Predicts "Missionary Race"	14
	Saxony Church Shows Signs of Strain	14
	Grotewohl Says Church Threatens Religious Liberty	14
	East Germany Church Uses Modern Media	14
	East German Bishops Uphold State, Reject Atheism	15
	Moslem Mission Active in Germany	16
	Dessau Becomes "Church Reconstruction Town"	16
	Church of Hesse Reassures Soldiers	18
	Dibelius Counters Atheism in DDR	18
	Church of Hessen-Nassau to Admit Women to Ministry	18
	East German Christians Warned Against State Stranglehold	19
	State Drops Action Against Niemöller	21
	1,000 Attend Church Rally in East Germany	23
	German Youth Respond to Work Camp Appeal	23
	East German Pastors Send Message to Geneva Delegation	23
	German Church Leaders Re-Confirm Barmen Declaration	23
	Church Activity New Ground for Divorce in East Germany	24
	East German Pastor and Family Forced From Home	24
<u>GHANA:</u>	Ghana Called to Christian Future	12/13
<u>GREECE:</u>	Greek Bishops Postpone Reform	
	1959 "Year of Greek Orthodoxy"	10
	Greek Constitution to Protect Jehovah's Witnesses	14
	Pan-Orthodox Missionary Society Planned	15
	New Church Charter Planned in Greece	15
	Churches Aid in Crete Earthquake	22
<u>HUNGARY:</u>	Fund Established to Raise Hungarian Lutheran Pastors' Salaries	1
	Bishop Bereczky Resigns	1
	LWF Leaders Confer with Hungarian Churchmen	7
	Bishop Samosközi Succeeds Bishop Bereczky	9
	Hungarian State Controls Church Appointments	16
	Hungarian Lutheran Pastors Transferred to Provinces	17
	Hungarian Seminaries to Add "Study of Society" to Curricula	23
	Olt Succeeds Horvath in State Church Post	23
	Bishop Vetö Chides Western Press for "Misinterpretation"	25
<u>ICELAND:</u>	Iceland Church Gets New Head	15
<u>INDIA:</u>	New Kerala Schools Bill	1
	Malabar Churches Reconciled	1
	Mission Restrictions Reported in India	9
	Kerala Government Warns Private Schools	17
	Roman Catholics Say Schools in Kerala Will Stay Closed	19
	Lutherans, Church of South India, Move Toward Union	20
	Roman Catholic, Nair Officials Refuse Kerala Government	
	Invitations for School Conference	20
	Tension Grows in Kerala over Schools Bill	21
	YMCA Sets Up Recreation Centre for Tibetan Refugees	23
<u>INDONESIA:</u>	Church Unity Moves Forward in Java	3
<u>IRAQ:</u>	Missionaries Forced to Leave Iraq	15
<u>ITALY:</u>	Vatican Radio Welcomes Press Reactions	6
	Italian Council Upholds Protestant Right to Build	10
	Italian Court Upholds Protestant Marriage	17
	Italian Methodists Move Toward Autonomy	21
	Pope Names Preparatory Commission for Ecumenical Council	21
	Protestant Radio Programme Banned in Trieste	23

<u>JAPAN:</u>	Death of Japanese Church Leader	1
	Japanese Anglicans Mark 100th Anniversary	15
	Controversy in Japan over Ise Shrine	17
	Miss Kagawa Named to Church Youth Post	22
<u>JORDAN:</u>	Armenian Bishop and Six Priests Expelled	1
<u>KOREA:</u>	Controversy Threatens Korean Christian Council	24
<u>LATIN AMERICA:</u>	Aid Sent to Flood Victims in Latin America	21
	New Spanish Language Publication for Latin America	24
<u>LATVIA:</u>	Riga's Lutheran Cathedral Taken Over by State	21
<u>LEBANON:</u>	Beirut Radio Ends Sermon Broadcasts from Churches and Mosques . .	11
	Presbyterian Mission Integrated in Syria and Lebanon	15
<u>LIBERIA:</u>	Liberian Christian Students Speak Out on Sex	21
<u>MADAGASCAR:</u>	World YWCA General Secretary Reports on Madagascar Disaster . . .	19
<u>MALAYA:</u>	East Asia Christian Conference Holds First Major Assembly	18
	First EACC Assembly Opens in Malaya	20
	East Asian Christians Chart Practical Cooperation	21
	EACC First Assembly Issues Message	22
<u>NETHERLANDS:</u>	Old Catholic Bishop Engelbertus Lagerwey Dies	11
	Gereformeerde Church Asked to Form Ecumenical Commission	15
	New Dutch Old Catholic Bishop	21
<u>NEW ZEALAND:</u>	Anglican Synod Studies Merger Move	1
<u>NORWAY:</u>	Norway's Bishop Berggrav Dies	3
	Norway's Schools to Remain Confessional	10
<u>PHILIPPINES:</u>	Filipino Bishop Bans YMCA Membership for Catholics	2
	YMCA Employees Strike in Manila	8
	First Filipino Bishop of Episcopal Church Consecrated	10
	Station DYSR in Philippines to Expand	10
	Supreme Court Upholds YMCA Stand in Manila	10
	Philippine Theologians Discuss Problems of Ministry	18
	Philippine Protestants Protest Against Consecration to Sacred Heart	24
<u>POLAND:</u>	Professor A. Wantula Elected Bishop of Lutheran Church of Poland	18
<u>RUMANIA:</u>	Rumania Reformed Pastors Arrested	2
	Pastor Möckel's Sentence Changed to Life Imprisonment	3
<u>SOUTH AFRICA:</u>	South Africa Catholic Bishops Say Schools May Close	4
	South African Churchman Opposes Racial Law	5
	"Awakening Conscience" in South Africa, Dr. de Blank Says . . .	6
	DRC in Transvaal Sees Government over "Areas Act"	8
	South African Government to Manage Private Hospitals	17
	South Africa Churches to Mark Nation's Jubilee	18
	South African Roman Catholics Criticize Job Discrimination Bill	20
	Dutch Reformed Favour United Indigenous Church	21
	Anglican and DRC Leaders Hold Cordial Talks	22
	Dr. de Blank Calls Conference on Racial Cooperation	23
	Anglican, Reformed Churches in South Africa Seek Greater Cooperation	24
	Plan Approved for United Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa .	24
<u>SPAIN:</u>	Protestant Churches Closed in Spain	5
	Two Protestant Churches Reopened in Barcelona	18
	Catholic-Protestant Study Plans Dropped	22
	New Report on Spanish Conference Cancellation	25
	Persecution of Spanish Protestants is Reported Eased	25

<u>SWEDEN:</u>	Roman Catholic Convent Proposed for Sweden	7
	Ecumenical Women's Council for Sweden	12/13
	Archbishop Brilioth of Sweden Dies	17
	Swedish Bishops Want to Keep Link with State	19
<u>SWITZERLAND:</u>	Swiss Pastors Divided on A-Weapons	1
	Geneva Professor Stresses Problems Facing Ecumenical Council	4
	Bossey Graduate School Closes on February 14	7
	Public Events to Mark Geneva's Calvin Jubilee	10
	Church "Fraternal Workers" in Unconventional Retreat	11
	"Radio Réveil" Ten Years Old	16
	Architects Meet at Bossey, Issue Statement on Architecture and the Church	19
	Geneva Celebrates Calvin Jubilee	22
	Calvin's University Celebrates 400th Anniversary	23
	Continued Aid Urged for Underdeveloped Countries	24
<u>THAILAND:</u>	Philippine Church Sends Second Missionary Couple	12/13
<u>TURKEY:</u>	Ecumenical Patriarch Replies to Pope	2
	A New-Year Message of His All-Holiness, the Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I	2
	Dissent Marks Istanbul Election of New York Archbishop	4
<u>UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC:</u>	Presbyterian Mission Integrated in Syria and Lebanon	15
	Archbishop Mena Elnaramoussy Elmet Wahad Heads Coptic Orthodox Church	16
<u>UNITED KINGDOM:</u>	New Translation of New Testament Completed	2
	Archbishop Sends Letter to Swedish Church on Ordination of Women	3
	York Convocation Adopts Five-Point Racial Charter	4
	Church of England Considers Admission of Women as Lay Readers	6
	New Church of England Information Office	6
	Africa Bureau Protests Against Arrests in Southern Rhodesia	10
	Four Gospels Published in Modern Russian	12/13
	Church of Scotland Committee Critical on Central Africa	14
	Scots Presbyteries Back Sending of Nyasaland Commission	16
	British Council to Send Deputation on Central Africa	17
	Christian Aid Week Held in Britain	18
	Scots Presbyteries Reject Unity Proposals	18
	Experiment in Africa, Grubb Tells Mission Society	19
	Bishop Dibelius Addresses British Bible Society	19
	Clergymen Get TV Training	19
	Anglican Convocations Defer Action on Secrecy of Confessions	19
	British Churches Pledge Massive Support for Refugee Year	21
	Church of Scotland Rejects Bishops	22
	Funds Sought for Memorial Trust for Bishop Bell	24
	British Government to Increase Aid for Confessional Schools	24
	British Churches Express Concern for Central African Federation	25
<u>USA:</u>	CCIA Director Praised for Human Rights Achievement	1
	Pentecostalist Leader Hails "Revival" in Ecumenical Movement	3
	US Methodist Missions Hand Over to Nationals	3
	US Volunteer Agencies Send \$128,769,000 of Goods Abroad	4
	US Methodists Urged to Help Resettle Refugees	4
	Bishop Lichtenberger Sees Growing Church Unity	4
	Congregational Churches to Get Financial Help for Race Action	4
	Survey Shows Lutheran Colleges Accept All Races	5
	National Refugee Committee Formed in US	5
	US Lutherans Plan Film on East German Christians	5
	US Religious Leaders Join in Plea to Government Heads	6

<u>USA:</u>	Missouri Synod Declines NLC Invitation for Talks	6
	CWS to Help Raise \$140,000 for White Russian Refugees	6
	Greek Orthodox Archbishop Elected for America	7
	American Churches Oppose Peacetime Military Training	7
	NAE Deplores Divided Protestant Response to Pope	8
	US National Council "Receives" Statement on China	9
	US Church Agency Favours Recognition of China	9
	National Council in US Upholds Duty of Churches to Speak on Controversial Issues	10
	Doctrine Primary in Unity Talks, Missouri Synod Head Says	11
	YMCA President Calls for End of Colonialism in Africa	12/13
	Protestant-Catholic Relations "Thaw", Editor Says	12/13
	US Lutheran Church Backs Pastoral Secrecy	12/13
	New Testament Scholar Describes Importance of "Thomas" Scrolls .	12/13
	Archbishop James to Be Enthroned in New York	12/13
	US National Council President Asks for Prayers for Tibet	14
	Archbishop Iakovos Enthroned in New York	14
	United Church Draws up Statement of Faith	14
	Stronger Foreign Aid Programme Urged in US	15
	Journalism Called Evangelism Force in Africa	15
	American Bishop Named for Lambeth Post	16
	Dr. Samuel H. Miller Named Dean of Harvard Divinity School . . .	16
	US Conference for World Council Holds Annual Sessions	17
	Mr. Sibley, Chairman of Church World Service, Dies	17
	US Southern Presbyterians Urge Communication Between Races . . .	18
	US Methodist Agency Calls for World Evangelism Congress	18
	New York Called Mission Field	18
	NCC Sets up New Office of Information	18
	US Catholic, Protestant Cooperation Growing, Jesuit Says . . .	19
	Unitarians, Universalists Approve Merger	19
	United Presbyterians Act Swiftly Against Discrimination	21
	Brooks Hays Calls Baptists to Face Race Problem	21
	USA Presbyterians Issue Unity Appeal	22
	US Lutheran Merger Group Issues "Confession of Faith"	22
	Refugee Aid Talks Urge Stepped-Up US Programmes	22
	US Churches Plan Long Peace Programme	23
	American Presbyterians Denounce Segregation "Devices"	23
	Roman Catholic Authors Discuss US Protestant Relations	23
	Constitution Set for New Church	25
	Methodist Groups Take Opposite Stands on Red China	25
	Moves Towards US Church Unity are Hailed	25
<u>USSR:</u>	Contact Reestablished with Carpathian Church	1
	Communist Paper Warns Against Church Activity in USSR	3
	Atheist Propaganda to Be Stepped Up in USSR	16
	Metropolitan Elefery Vorontsev, Russian Orthodox Church, Dies .	16
	Russian Baptist Wants Christian Peace Congress	17
	Russian Orthodox Prelate Objects to British War Statement . . .	18
	Moscow Churches Overflow on Orthodox Easter	19
	Billy Graham Visits Moscow	25
<u>YUGOSLAVIA:</u>	Bible Importation Restrictions Lifted	4
	Serbian Orthodox Pilgrimage for Near East	16
	Swiss Churchmen Visit Yugoslavia	16
	Serbian Church Officials Honoured	20
	Patriarchs Invited to Yugoslavia	21

